PENINSULA HOTEL, HONG KONG, 1928

Opening day—11th. December, 1928,
4.30 to 6 p.m.

The Management take pleasure in announcing
(By kind permission of Lieut-Colonel L. J. Comyn,
C.M.G., D.S.O. and Officers)

The Full Military Band
of the
2nd Battalion the King's Own
Scottish Borderers.

PROGRAMME:

1. March ... ... "STEADFAST AND TRUE" ... Teike
2. Overture... ... "MARINARELLA" ... ... Fruik
3. Selection ... ... "ROMEO AND JULIET" ... ... Gounod
   (a) INTERMEZZO "AISHA" ... ... Lindsay
4. Excerpts (b)
5. Musical Comedy "THIS YEAR OF GRACE" ... ... Coward
6. Three Dale Dances ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Wood
7. Selection ... ... "IOLANTHE" ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Sullivan
8. Suite ... ... "BALLET EGYTIEN" ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Luigini
   "BLUE BONNETS O'ER THE BORDER"
   "GOD SAVE THE KING"

Conductor ............ Mr. W.H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M.
HIGH CLASS MODERN HOTEL
WORLD RENOWNED FOR ITS COMFORT — QUALITY — SERVICE
SUMMER SEASON!!!
OPEN-AIR TERRACE
DINNERS NIGHTLY
with
ORCHESTRAL MUSIC
GRILL ROOM
A LA CARTE
CHOICE MEALS
ROSE ROOM
DANCING
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
LOUNGE & COCKTAIL BAR
MUSIC DAILY 6 p.m. till 8 p.m.
CATERING !!
PARTIES—FUNCTIONS
INEXPENSIVELY CATERED FOR

Peninsula Hotel
THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

Dine, wine and dance - 1930s
The first original air shot of the hotel in 1927

Charming old Lobby - look at the ceiling fans
A large cold storage plant was intended for the supply of fresh and frozen provisions to the public, especially to Kowloon residents. The proposed plant contained fourteen rooms, and the temperature of each could be regulated separately. An ice plant was to be installed, with a production capacity of 10 tons of clear ice per day. To deodorise the waste of the several kitchens on hot summer days even the garbage would be stored frozen until collection.

The proposed electrical installations were equally impressive. The lighting and ventilation sections could supply no less than 4,000 lamps, 1,450 wall-plug outlets and 185 ceiling fans. No air-conditioning systems had been invented yet to cool the traveller on a hot summer day, only ceiling fans. But amazingly enough, the Peninsula Hotel was totally centrally heated with radiators in all bedrooms, bathrooms, corridors and public rooms.

The hotel would be served by four passenger lifts, two luggage and one food lift, with the passenger lifts having a carrying capacity of 13 passengers at 100 metres a minute.
You can almost hear the whirr of the ceiling fans, snatches of animated conversation, the tinkle of the glasses, ...
HVAC system

Before the 1960s, reciprocating chillers and fan coil units were used to cool guest rooms and restaurants. Back of the house and office areas were air-conditioned by window units. Fresh water cooling towers were located on the rooftop to provide cooling water.

In the 1960s, open type centrifugal chillers with R-11 refrigerant were used. A sea water pump house was located at Holt’s Wharf (now New World Centre). Sea water pipes were laid under railway track and Salisbury Road before reaching the hotel. For unknown reasons, the pump house was built not deep enough to achieve the required suction pressure at low tide and very often, pumps had to be filled up manually to ensure smooth operation.

Since the early 1960s, the hotel would go through large scale redecoration every five years to ensure a high standard of comfort for guests. All the installations including fan coil units (FCUs) had to be replaced or reconditioned. At that time, cork board from Portugal (later from China) was widely used as insulation for FCUs. Fan coil units were installed behind concealed false ceilings of the hotel corridors and workers had to climb behind the ceiling to install or relocate FCUs. Both cooling and heating used high quality controls in guest rooms with four-pipe FCU system.

Also in the 1960s, the first disco in Hong Kong, called ‘The Scene’ was opened in the basement of the hotel with the main entrance located at the corner of Peking Road and Hankow Road. The disco had special air conditioning requirements and the return air was located under the seats. Because the disco was situated in the basement, therefore to provide high quality air conditioned environment was a priority.

In 1966, the price of FCU was about HK$10,000 per RT. To replace a set of FCU would cost approximately HK$20,000.
Equipment

Chiller  4 sets 800RT direct sea water-cooled chillers
Opened in 1928, The Peninsula is Hong Kong's premier hotel and has been voted the world's best hotel on several occasions. The hotel is also distinguished by its fleet of signature Rolls-Royces, which can be hired by guests.

In 1994, a 30-storey extension was built at the back of the existing hotel complex with a helipad on the roof. The addition of 132 rooms and suites brought the total number of rooms in the hotel to 300. There are 10 floors of office space, shops and a series of hotel facilities added to the existing hotel building. While preserving the architectural features of the nostalgic hotel, the entire development offers a total GFA of approximately 56,000 sq m.

The hotel celebrated her 80th Anniversary in 2008.